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Applicant : John H. Westerbeke

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Serial No. : 09/862,973

Examiner : Jason Benton

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Title : CONTROLLING EXHAUST TEMPERATURES

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Commissioner for Patents

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Applicants submit for consideration the following description of Applicant's U.S. sales activity more than one year before the priority date of this application.

More than one year before the priority date of this application, Applicant sold a small number of marine generators in the U.S. equipped with engines including a catalyst disposed within a separate cylindrical housing attached to the exhaust manifold. The cylindrical housing was threadably connected to the exhaust manifold and did not include any water-jacket or coolant passages for receiving liquid coolant. The exhaust manifold was cooled with recirculated coolant.

Later, but still more than one year before the priority date of this application, Applicant offered for sale in the U.S. marine generators that included a catalyst packaged within a separate water-jacketed exhaust elbow. The exhaust elbow was affixed to the exhaust manifold and was cooled by seawater (referred to as raw water) flowing through coolant passages extending around the catalyst packaged in the exhaust elbow and then injected into the exhaust stream. The raw water was delivered to the exhaust elbow from an outlet of a heat exchanger. The exhaust manifold was cooled by recirculated coolant.

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